

POWER of THE Holy Spirit, Pt. 4

1 COR. 12.12-13

In OT, the Holy Spirit is active in...

1. Creation & preservation of universe
2. Providence & revelation
3. Equipping people for special jobs

Prophecies

Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 32:15 until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Ezekiel 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

The two-fold purpose of Jesus in coming to earth:

John 1:29 The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:33 "...he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"

The Holy Spirit is He who gives life to those dead in sin:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

2 Cor. 3:6 (God) has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Rom. 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Holy Spirit comes at salvation:

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our

Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

The Holy Spirit comes on all who are saved.

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Rom. 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Rom. 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Gal. 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Rom. 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gal. 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Gal. 3:14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Some argue that there is a second blessing for a Christian.

The first blessing is conversion. The second is the baptism of the Holy Spirit – a phrase not found anywhere in the Bible.

1 Cor. 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Rom. 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Without the Holy Spirit there is no sonship – no Christian.

What is meant by baptism of the Holy Spirit?

First four references are made by John the Baptist referring to the work of Christ:

Matt. 3:11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Mark 1:8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

John 1:33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

Fifth time, Jesus telling disciples what would happen to them in a few days:

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Sixth time, Peter quoting the Lord’s quotation of John the Baptist following the conversion of the household of Cornelius:

Acts 11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

Seventh time, in the context of the work of the Holy Spirit in gifting the Christians for the work of the church:

1 Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

The one feature of each of these verses that jumps out at you is that the One who is doing the baptizing is not the Holy Spirit, but Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the element into which we are baptized.

From this study so far, we can see that...

- the Holy Spirit initiates the whole process of salvation by giving life to those who are dead in sin,
- that we are baptized in the Spirit at salvation for the purpose of making us one in the body of Christ
- that the experience is universal among all those who come to know Christ as Lord.

Baptism and filling are not two separate operations, but two aspects of the same operation.

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The baptizing is what Jesus does; the filling is the result of His doing it.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an initial process that takes place at conversion. It is non-repeatable, and irrevocable.

2 Cor. 1:22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Cor. 5:5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Eph. 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Eph. 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Eph. 5:18 is an imperative – a command – from the Lord...

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit, but there is no command or imperative statement in Scripture that we are to seek the baptism of or in the Holy Spirit.

This is the providence of God as He wills and chooses.

Continuous filling comes in response to our obedience and surrender to His will.